

Financial Assistance to Andhra Pradesh State Minorities Corporation

5718. SHRI DHARAMAB IKSHAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to provide financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh State Minorities Corporation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Production of lubricants

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI TARAMKESHRI): (a) Yes, Sir. A matching grant to the Corporation was sought as Central Assistance.

(b) There is no scheme under which such assistance can be provided to the Andhra Pradesh Minorities Finance Corporation.

(c) Does not arise.

5719. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn any plan to produce high grade lubricants to replace lubricants of lower efficiency; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. UNKARANAND): (a) and (b). An Action plan to produce and sell high grade lubricants to replace lubricants of lower efficiency in a phased manner has been drawn up. the oil

companies have started implementation of this programme.

Agricultural Development

5720. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the strategies adopted for maximising crop production during the Seventh Five Year Plan are proposed to be continued in the Eighth Five Year Plan period along with suitable modifications wherever necessary;

(b) if so, the details of such modification in the strategies; and

(c) the details of any new strategies recommended for adopted during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Details of proposals concerning modifications in the strategies for maximising crop production are under production.

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Society for Rural Industrialisation

5721. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and spent on each project by the Society for Rural Industrialisation, Ranchi;

(b) the amount allocated to the All India Tribal Development Council during each of the last three years; and